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U.S. Navy Analyst Indicted in Theft Of Secret Photos

Samuel Loring Morison, 40, was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Baltimore on one count of stealing three secret government photographs and one count of handing them over to a British magazine that was not authorized to see them.

Morison, of Crofton, Md., who worked at the Naval Intelligence Support Center in Suitland, was arrested Oct. 1 and charged with providing the photographs of a new Soviet aircraft carrier, taken by an American satellite, to Jane's Defence Weekly. Morison is being held in the D.C. Jail on \$500,000 bond pending a hearing tomorrow before a federal magistrate in Alexandria.

Morison's attorney, Robert Muse, said that his client intends to plead not guilty. Morison is a grandson of the famed Navy historian, the late Rear Adm. Samuel Elliot Morison.

The photographs, of the nuclear-powered carrier sitting in a Soviet shipyard on the Black Sea, appeared in the magazine Aug. 7. Pentagon sources said they were concerned because the pictures revealed information-gathering capabilities of American satellites.